

**REMARKS**

Claims 21 to 23, 25 to 28, and 37 to 45 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to present such canceled claims in a continuation application to this present application. Claims 24 and 29 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Above, any amendments to the claims are shown by underlining (additions) and strikeout (deletions).

Claims 24 and 29 to 36 are now pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 24 and 29 to 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 24 and 29 as independent claims. Claims 30 to 36 depend from claim 29. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of any objection to the claims and submit that claims 24 and 29 to 36 are allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of all the above, it is believed that any objections to the claims 24 and 29 to 36 should be withdrawn, and that currently pending claims 24 and 29 to 36 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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